

ABSTRACT

A novel method of treating patients, in which the focus is on the type of ailment or malady, and the diagnosis made for the patient, for purposes of determining the fee and how to utilize a database comprising medical history of each patient. A treating physician and dispensing pharmacy coordinate their activities with each patient, so that any activity with a particular patient by either the physician or the pharmacy is entered into a shared database, with the updating of the database occurring optimally in real time. The pricing structure relates also to the type of diagnosis, being derived from a determined average of the costs for each patient with a similar diagnosis. The database information provides a new level of information for both the pharmacy and the physician, with the database being useful not only for cost analysis, but also for quality control purposes to assess the value of various treatments.